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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7020

BILL NUMBER: HB 1977

DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fire Department Immunity for Donations.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill grants immunity from civil liability to a political subdivision, a volunteer fire department, an employee of a political subdivision or volunteer fire department, or a volunteer firefighter who donates fire control or fire rescue equipment to a fire department of a political subdivision or to a volunteer fire department.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: It is unknown how many civil cases, if any, are attributed to personal injury, property damage, or death resulting from a defect in fire control or fire rescue equipment donated in good faith by a political subdivision, a volunteer fire department, an employee of a political subdivision or volunteer fire department, or a volunteer firefighter to a fire department or a volunteer fire department. This bill grants immunity from civil damages from donating fire control or fire rescue equipment to a fire department or a volunteer fire department. The bill does not provide immunity to an entity listed above for an act or omission proximately causing the injury, damage, or death that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The fiscal impact of this provision is indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Volunteer fire company.

Information Sources: Mara Snyder, Office of the State Fire Marshal.